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We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

**Which meeting did you attend?**

Alonso

**Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Purpose and Need                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual / Aesthetic Resources                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or Television Interference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |   |

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture
 ☒ Residential
 ☐ Conservation Easement - maybe
- ☐ Commercial
 ☐ Industrial
 ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the public scoping meeting.
- Mail the form or a letter to the address above.
- Submit comments electronically at [www.socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com)

Please submit your comments by September 21, 2009.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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If you would like to receive electronic newsletters on the project, please provide an email address: freed\_r@yahoo.com

Please fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope. Make sure that your contact information is facing inward when mailing.

Sept 18, 2009

I-278-001

I was pretty upset at your town meeting. I got there at 6:30 it was suppose to close at 7:00. They packed up + left before I got away from the first booth. They couldn't wait 5 min. to answer my questions.

They couldn't answer all of the questions I did ask.

I'm concerned because the map shows the line going through the middle of my property for 2 1/2 miles.

I have good pasture and cattle out there. I do not want it through the middle.

I-278-002

My question about damage to the cattle herd were not answered.

One study for a couple of years is not proof that my herd will not be damaged! It might take years before we see the real damage. If a woman leaving around the lines will abort why would a cow not?

You can put the line on the other side of the North fence but I would get the damage anyway. If it has to be that close I would rather be the one getting paid.

(b.v.m.)

#### I-278-001: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and the Utilities' project website, <http://www.socotransmission.com/>.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

#### I-278-002: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-278-003

I-278-004

By the way I never got a chance  
to see what the lines look like or  
how much you are paying for it  
to be on my land. I haven't had  
a chance to find out how much it  
will lower the value of my land.  
I need answers.  
Like -

will you put up a new fence  
so the cattle can't get so close  
to the line?

Will you buy an insurance policy  
that will pay for my head if it  
starts to have problems?

wanting to hear  
Rita & Fred

#### I-278-003: Land Rights (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The process of acquisition of land rights for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

#### I-278-004: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.